

September 22, 2024

8:30 & 10:45 AM

Gathering

WELCOME

*If you are visiting with us, we'd love to hear from you. And if you have a prayer concern, we will be glad to add it to our prayer list. Please fill out the Connection Card on the back of the pew in front of you or contact the church office for more information.*

PRELUDE

Hallelujah! What a Savior  
with  
Sing Hallelujah arr. Carol Tornquist  
*We invite you to use this time for quiet prayer and preparation for worship.*

Connecting with God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world belongs to God...

**People: ...the earth and all its people.**

Leader: How good and lovely it is...

**People: ...to live together in unity.**

Leader: Love and faith come together.

**People: Justice and peace join hands.**

Leader: Lord, open our lips...

**People: ...and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

\*HYMN 64 We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God ELLACOMBE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (10:45) Isabel Kingsolver

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 10:40-42  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 11 of the Second Testament*

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM (10:45) All Things Bright and Beautiful John Rutter

Proclaiming God's Word

READING FROM SCRIPTURE James 2:14-18  
*In the pew Bibles, on page 230 of the Second Testament*

SERMON Body Building Sermon Series  
Dirty Hands Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

HYMN 490 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant THE SERVANT SONG

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Traumerei Robert Schumann

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; **OR** Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FROM SCRIPTURE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP  
Be Thou My Vision arr. Joel Raney

*Please eat the bread when you receive your communion cup, then wait and drink the juice after the Elder's prayer. Please let the deacon know if you would prefer a gluten-free option. We encourage you to recycle your communion cup after the service.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Putting Faith into Action

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP  
*If you are interested in joining the church, please come forward during the closing hymn.*

\*HYMN 461 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service BEACH SPRING

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (10:45) The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Cindy Berry

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**BODY BUILDING SERMON SERIES**

You may not realize, but the Bible contains within its 66 books a letter devoted to helping us get into shape! The book of James gives us instructions on how we can use parts of our bodies to further God's kingdom and build community in a fractious world. For our fall sermon series we'll pump some spiritual iron as we strengthen ourselves to be good neighbors and faithful Christians.

(September 29 - "Imagine Together" stewardship sermon)

October 6 - Pierced Tongue - James 3:1-12

October 13 - Rough Knees - James 5:13-16

**FALL BOOK STUDY**

With the upcoming election, faith and scripture will be a big part of the political discourse, as the candidates appeal to faith-based voters. What can we learn from the past about how the Bible has been used in politics?

The book study of "The Bible and the Ballot" will meet five consecutive Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Chapel starting on September 23 and ending on October 21. It would be helpful if you would RSVP to Kory so he can know how many to expect.

**BLESSING OF THE PETS & PET SUPPLY DRIVE**



All of Crestwood is invited to the Blessing of the Pets TODAY, from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM in the Lafferty Garden. Bring your beloved pet (or a photo) to be prayed over and blessed by Kory, and then stick around to enjoy the ice cream social! The Crestwood Youth Group is also collecting pet food and supplies for the Lexington Humane Society.

NEEDED ITEMS

Dry Purina Dog food

Dry Purina Cat Chow

Canned cat food

Dry Purina Kitten Chow

Cat litter (non-scented and non-clumping only)

Milk Bone original Dog Biscuits (medium size)

**CHURCH PROPERTY WORK DAY SATURDAY**

An outside work morning is planned for this Saturday, September 28. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 8:00 AM in the Bradford Room. Work will start at 8:30 AM and will end around 10:30 AM. Bring your yard tools. Bush trimming is planned. Please participate if you can.

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Joys and Concerns**

**MEMBERS:** Roberta Buckley

**FAMILY:** Robin Allen (daughter of Fran Allen), Janice Byers (mother of Beth Cooper), Patricia Finger (mother of Joanne Brown)

**FRIENDS:** Cristi family (of Crestwood), Judy Collins (of Fran Allen), the family of Rodger Michael (of Crestwood), Don Ralph (of Libby Wachtel), Lynn Saunders (of Susan and Kendall Hart)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Joe Clark, Tyler Coultas (son of Karen Coultas), Frank Dickey, David Farmer (friend of Kimberly Sparks), Jo Fulkerson, Laurie Hart (granddaughter of Susan and Kendall Hart), Barry Newton (father of Laura Prather), Henrietta Shores (granddaughter of Mary Beth Shores), Donnie Wakefield, Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

**ARMED FORCES:** Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Tristan Bowman (nephew of Debbie Gardner), Daniel Day (grandson of John & Carol Royse & son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt & Michelle DeLacey), Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler and Daniel Sigler (daughter-in-law and son of Pam and David Sigler)

**HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS:** Carlene Adams, Karen Billings, Janice Boyd, Dick Featherston, Sylvia Griffin, Buzz Mattingly, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas, Lucy Wheeler

**OUR WORLD COMMUNITY:** We pray for the victims and loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center and their families, an end to wars across the globe, the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local and national leaders, those affected by natural disasters, and for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.

**WHAT'S COMING UP AT CRESTWOOD  
September 22, 2024**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 22**

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 12:00 PM - Shalom Team - Bradford Room
- 3:00 PM - Blessing of the Pets - Lafferty Garden

**Monday, September 23**

- 6:00 PM - The Bible and the Ballot book study - Chapel

**Wednesday, September 25**

- 1:00 PM - Bible Study - Library

**Thursday, September 26**

- 11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room
- 7:00 PM - Choir Practice - Choir Room

**Saturday, September 28**

- 8:00 AM - Church Property Work Day

**Sunday, September 29**

- 8:30 AM - Worship Service
- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 9:40 AM - Wake Up with Wallace - Panera Bread
- 10:00 AM - Choir Practice - Choir Room
- 10:45 AM - Worship Service
- 4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group - Chi Rho Room
- 5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group - CYF Room



**Sermons on the letter of James**

***Dirty Hands  
James 2:14-18***

Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson

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| <p><b>Our Vision</b><br/>Connecting People to God and Each Other</p> <p><b>Our Mission</b><br/>Crestwood Christian Church connects people to God and each other by being a community that welcomes and accepts all people; invites questions about how faith and life intersect; encourages people to take the next step in their spiritual journey; cares for each other and the stranger; and serves God through serving others.</p> | <p><u>Next Sunday</u><br/>Stewardship Sermon<br/>Imagine Together<br/>Matthew 6:25-34<br/>Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson</p>  |
|  | <p><u>Today's Worship Leaders</u></p> <p><u>Elder</u><br/>8:30 Dan Pence<br/>10:45 Matt Bacon</p> <p><u>Liturgist</u><br/>8:30 Ric Hale<br/>10:45 Frank Spragens</p> |

**CHURCH STAFF**

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| Rev. Dr. Kory Wilcoxson, Senior Minister           | Jim Cristi, Facilities Manager  |
| Steph Wallace, Student Associate Minister          | Frank Spragens, Music Director  |
| Missy Wallace, Children's Minister                 | Cindy Abernathy, Pianist        |
| Rev. Kelly Hale, Interim Minister of Pastoral Care | Jane Johnson, Organist          |
| Mary Van Kesteren, Office Administrator            | Amber Combs, Childcare Director |

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*Welcome to Crestwood!  
We are glad you have joined us for worship.  
We hope your time with us is meaningful and  
that you return soon.*

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